peace in the sub-continent Government propose to have a fresh look at its nuclear policy and the entire defence strategy to meet any eventuality ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B.R. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) Government have seen press reports in this regard. However the Chinese Government has denied assisting Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme.

(d) Government nuclear policy continues to be the same as before. Government will continue to keep a constant vigil on all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Recognition of Sahravi Arab Democratic Republic

640. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given recognition to Polisario's Sahravi Arab Democratic Republic (S. A. D. R.) ; and

(b) if so, what specific considerations weighed with Government for recognition of the new Republic ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's recognition of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) is based on various resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly which recognise the right of the Sahrawi people to independence and self-determination, as well as on the stand taken by the representative regional organisation, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) which not only admitted the SADR as a full member but which also elected it as one of its Vice Presidents.

Riots against Asians and Africans in London

641. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether large scale riots involving Asians, Africans and other coloured races including the Indians, took place in and around London in October this year ;

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B.R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Violent incidents took place following the accidental shooting by the British Police of a woman of West Indian origin. Though there have been reports of loss of property of persons of Indian origin, no Indian national is reported to have been affected

(c) Following the earlier incidents in Birmingham, our High Commissioner along with the High Commissioner of Bangladesh and Ambassador of Pakistan took up the matter with the British Government to express their concern about such incidents. The British Government have assured them of taking prompt action to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future.

Financing of Nuclear Bomb Project of Pakistan by Foreign Countries

642. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan's nuclear bomb